



Proclamation

WHEREAS, pharmacy is one of the oldest and most trusted healthcare professions that contributes a great deal to the health and well-being of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 318,000 practicing pharmacists in the United States with over 1,700 in the State of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists have extensive knowledge training in drug therapy which helps them to ensure patients understand the safe and appropriate use of medications; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians practice in diverse settings, including community pharmacies, hospitals, long-term care facilities, home infusion, managed care, and government health care facilities; and

WHEREAS, the use of medication as a cost-effective alternative to more expensive medical procedures is becoming a major force in moderating overall health care costs; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists work collaboratively with other health care providers, offer accessibility and quality control of prescription medications, and provide patient care that ensures optimal medication therapy outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Pharmacists Association and American Pharmacists Association–Academy of Student Pharmacists have collaborated to observe October as American Pharmacists Month with the theme “Know Your Medicines–Know Your Pharmacist,” encouraging all caregivers and users of prescription and nonprescription medications to be well-informed and share responsibility for their own drug therapy;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 2020 as

“AMERICAN PHARMACISTS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and urge all residents to appreciate the commitment pharmacists and pharmacy technicians show every day in promoting good health and safe usage of medication.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of October 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i